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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
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SUBJECT: CIA Briefing Program for Ambassadors []

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1. [] As requested by the Deputy Director for Operations (DDO), I proposed to the Director, Foreign Service Institute (D/FSI) that the Agency program for indoctrination of Foreign Service Officers (FSO's) be expanded. The objective of this proposal was to provide a more in-depth understanding of the DO mission and activities and particularly to include orientation directed to newly appointed ambassadors. Since FSI has experienced considerable difficulty in providing orientations for new ambassadors, the D/FSI was not optimistic that the initially proposed orientation of three days would be acceptable.

2. [] We have received a reply to my last proposal which reduced the ambassadors' orientation time to one and one-half days. During this period the ambassadors would be [] for orientation on the DO's mission and activities and to witness demonstrations by the Countering Terrorist Tactics Course instructors. Since they would be out [] full attendance could be assured.

3. [] The D/FSI agrees that my latest proposal has merit and might succeed. He has suggested, however, that a pilot program be offered to a small group of FSO's, including senior members of the FSI Staff. This would include retired Ambassador L. Dean Brown who, as co-chairman of Ambassadorial Seminars this year, would be particularly qualified to comment on how our program meshes with that of FSI.

4. [] I will coordinate with the DO on the development of a program and a response to FSI's pilot program suggestion. You will be kept advised as to further progress.

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